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Dear Dr Henney:

I have become aware, through reports by Union of Concerned Scientists and other organizations, of an apparently increasing problem of antibiotic-resistant bacteria which cause food-related human infections. It seems sensible to me to suspect a connection between extensive, sub-therapeutic use of antibiotics in animal operations i.e. in feed for livestock and chickens, and the tendency for the bacteria to develop resistance.

Protection of public health, and risk of losing effective treatments for life-threatening diseases would seem to argue for discontinuation of non-essential uses of antibiotics, such as to promote faster animal growth and cheaper prices of meat.

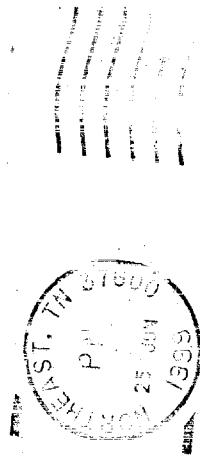
I urge you to work for a ban on the use of antibiotics as livestock feed additive, so that their continued effectiveness for treatment of genuine diseases can be assured.

Respectfully,
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